

SITUATION REPORT NO. 15
INCIDENT NO. 2005-075
DATE: June 22, 2005 Time: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe Summer Storms and Flooding** – Governor John Hoeven on June 9 issued an emergency declaration for severe thunderstorms that have produced abnormal amounts of rainfall, hail and high winds throughout the state and for continued flooding in the Devils Lake Basin, beginning April 9 and continuing.
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** No change from previous reports.
3. **DAMAGES:** On June 22, the National Weather Service (NWS) forecasted strong to severe thunderstorms are possible throughout the state. The threat of severe thunderstorms will persist through the evening as a cold front moves into North Dakota.

River Statements

On June 22, the Bismarck and Grand Forks Offices of the NWS indicated flood warnings remain in effect for the lower James River at Ludden Dam, the Red River at Wahpeton, Fargo, East Grand Forks, Oslo, Drayton, and the Wild Rice River at Abercrombie.

River forecasts from the NWS, based on current observations, are as follows:

River	Flood Stage	Last Report	Comments
Red River at Wahpeton	10 feet	10.4 feet @ 7:00 p.m. June 21	Continued level fluctuation at flood stage
Red River at Fargo	17 feet	24.7 feet @ 7:00 a.m. June 22	Crested, river trend is falling
Red River at East Grand Forks	28 feet	37.69 feet @ 7:45 a.m. June 22	Crested, river trend is falling
Red River at Oslo	28 feet	34.8 feet @ 7:00 p.m. June 21	Crested June 21
Red River at Drayton	32 feet	36.79 feet @ 8:00 p.m. June 21	Crest @ 36.7 feet on June 23
James River at Ludden Dam	12 feet	12.70 feet @ 9:00 a.m. June 22	Crested, river trend is falling
James River at Oakes	93 feet	93.79 feet @ 5:30 a.m. June 22	Crested, river trend is falling
Wild Rice River at Abercrombie	10 feet	7.9 feet @ 7:00 p.m. June 21	Crest @ 12.7 feet on June 25

The State Operations Center (SOC) received the following reports of storm activity from local emergency managers:

Pembina County

The county repeater that operates the paging and siren system in Walhalla sustained damages when the tower toppled into a tree during the June 19 storm.

4. **RESOURCES:**

LOCAL: No changes from previous reports.

STATE: In addition to previous reports, the N.D. Forest Service is providing assistance.

FEDERAL: No changes from previous reports.

5. **VOLUNTEER ACTIONS:** In Pembina County, neighbors have been helping each other and the Mennonites have been providing assistance.
6. **MAJOR ACTIONS:** At the Governor's request, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will provide technical assistance to the city of Michigan in Nelson County. The rising waters of Lake Laretta are threatening the city of Michigan. A moderate to severe rain and/or runoff event could cause the lake to rise to a level that would cause a backup of the city's water drainage system, inundating and significantly flooding the city. This flooding would cause the loss of the lift station, lagoon and several other critical city systems. The USACE will work with city officials to develop a flood protection plan.

Staff members from the N.D. Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the N.D. Department of Human Services (NDHS) are assisting with the Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) and writing project worksheets. PDAs are underway on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Reservation as well as the following counties: Bottineau, Cavalier, Dickey, Grand Forks, Griggs, LaMoure, McHenry, McLean, Nelson, Pembina, Ramsey, Sargent, Sioux, Steele, Traill, Ward and Walsh.

Workers from the N.D. Forest Service and the Cavalier Air Force Station have been assisting with tree debris removal in Walhalla.

Officials for Pembina County and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indian Reservation have signed disaster declarations, while the County Commissioners for Benson, Grand Forks, Pierce and Ramsey have issued emergency declarations.

7. **ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** No change from previous reports.
8. **OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE:** Local power companies and telephone cooperatives are repairing their infrastructure.

9. OTHER INFORMATION: The NWS lists quantitative precipitation forecasts on its website: www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/qpf/qpf2.shtml.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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